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Campus Witnesses 'Snowpocalypse'



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Above: Freshman Laura Dick sleds down the hill near Simpson Library on Wednesday afternoon. Right: A group of students used the snow day on Wednesday to play football in front of Jepson. Classes were canceled Monday, Feb. 8 and Wednesday, Feb. 10.

By BRYNN BOYER AND
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Staff Writers

Last weekend, a winter storm dumped over two feet of snow on the Capital region, with Fredericksburg as no exception. The blizzard meant hazardous roads for drivers, power outages for thousands and class cancellations for students.

Another storm passed through Fredericksburg on Tuesday and Wednesday, adding another several inches of snow and keeping students out of class. As of press time on Wednesday, the university had been closed for three days and night events were canceled due to the two storms. The university was scheduled to open at 11 a.m. today.

Late last Thursday night, Feb. 4, Residence Life sent an e-mail to all students warning about the potential for dangerous weather and significant

snowfall, urging them to prepare for the storm.

The snow started around mid-day on Friday, Feb. 5 and continued steadily through Saturday night. The University of Mary Washington closed at 10 a.m. on Friday as a precautionary measure.

By Saturday morning, conditions on-campus had deteriorated quickly. The blizzard knocked out power in some buildings across campus, including in Randolph Hall and Bushnell Hall. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, defines a blizzard as sustained wind or frequent gusts to 35 miles an hour or greater and considerable falling and/or blowing snow for a period of three hours or longer.

Around noon on Saturday, an ambulance arrived at Russell Hall to attend to a woman who had been working on clearing the walkways near the resi-

dence hall.

When the Fredericksburg Volunteer Rescue squad arrived, the woman was under a fallen tree, according to Nataia Bledsoe, public information officer of the Fredericksburg Police Department.

"She heard the tree falling and dove to the ground immediately next to a three-foot brick wall, which broke the fall of the tree and prevented it from crushing her," Bledsoe said.

Bledsoe said the woman was not hurt.

"She was removed and transported to the hospital as a precautionary measure," Bledsoe said.

Following the Russell Hall incident, an alert was sent by Ruth Lovelace, director of emergency management and safety, through Alert UMW to warn students of the outside conditions.

In the text message and corresponding e-mail, students were warned of

icy conditions outside and urged to stay inside until the weather improved.

After dealing with the effects of the snowfall for almost a week, some students had mixed feelings about the weather.

"I'm excited we've been getting off school," freshmen Kate Gibson, who lives in Russell Hall, said. "However, a tree is blocking the entrance [to Russell] and they haven't done anything about it. That's really annoying."

Her roommate, Anna Lee, agreed.

"It was nice to have a break on Friday but by Monday, I was kind of bored," Lee said.

Gibson and Lee built an igloo in Ball Circle.

Seniors Kevin Morris and Caitlin Carter said they

enjoyed their days off.

"We took a sled and hooked it up to my mountain bike," Morris said. "We sledged around campus."

While some students played in the snow, others used the storm as a fundraising opportunity.

Senior Emerson Ayestas made a Facebook event called "I'LL REMOVE THE SNOW OFF YOUR CAR" on Saturday. He said he and other students would shovel out cars and driveways for donations to Students Helping Hon-

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The Bullet talked to students about the way UMW handled the recent storms:

"I think it's a bit ironic that the federal government can have off and Mary Washington, only an hour south, still holds classes. As an off-campus student, walking to school today was out of the question. What normally would be a 10 minute stroll would have quickly turned into a perilous trek."

— Junior Kelly Reeder

"If my whole path is covered with ice, I shouldn't be expected to just figure it out on my own. That should be the responsibility of the administration. Forcing commuters to drive here and drive back is a hazardous and reckless call to make. To me, it shows that the administration is more concerned with ensuring that students are in classes a certain number of hours rather than worrying about the overall safety of the student body."

—Senior Shama Ahmed

"I think it's ridiculous that they didn't even delay opening the university. Most of the sidewalks are still covered in ice, you can't park on College Ave., and the parking deck hasn't been cleared as of yet. It makes no sense to force students and faculty out in those conditions."

—Senior Elizabeth Hancock

"From what I've seen on campus, the paths seem clear enough. The sidewalks on the perimeter were a nightmare this morning though. Covered in ice."

—Junior Ryan Forbes

Reporting by Eric Steigleder

Monroe: Changes on Track

By MICHELLE DACHMAN
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Several months since the Monroe Hall construction started, many students wonder when the renovations going on behind the fence will be complete.

Monroe Hall is still in the demolition phase, but the plan is on schedule, according to John

Wiltenth, associate vice president of facilities services. Wiltenth said the building should reopen for the Fall semester in 2011.

Monroe Hall, originally built in 1911, is one of the last three original buildings on the University of Mary Washington campus.

The other remaining original buildings are Willard Hall, built in

1911, and Virginia Hall, built in 1915.

Due to construction, the economics department permanently moved to the university-owned property at 1004 College Ave. The rest of the departments originally housed in Monroe had to be placed in other buildings during the renovations.

For the duration of the renovation

project, the history department along with international affairs and political science will remain in Mercer Hall, while the sociology and anthropology departments will stay in George Washington Hall. The geography department relocated to Annex B.

"I don't really like [Annex B]," junior Scott Mattheisson, a geography major said. "If the university keeps renovating so much then it doesn't really look good for the school to constantly be under construction."

The estimated cost of the construction to Monroe Hall totals around \$7 million. Funding for the renovations is coming from state funds.

The renovations include the reconfiguration of hallways and walls as well as upgrades to the air conditioning and heating systems. There will also be new electrical wiring throughout the entire building.

The attic of Monroe will be fully reconstructed into an additional floor for the anthropology department offices. The new floor



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Monroe Hall has been closed for renovations since 2009. It will reopen in 2011.

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By BRYNN BOYER
Staff Writer

Feb. 3- UMW police responded to Alvey Hall because of a call from residents that there was a rabid raccoon in the parking lot between Arrington Hall and Alvey Hall. The residents said that the raccoon ran up to them and attempted to bite them while they were walking. No one was touched or bitten by the animal. When police arrived, the raccoon was gone and no one in the area reported seeing it. Police took a report and passed on the information to Facilities Services.

Feb. 4- Around 1 a.m., UMW police saw a vehicle that had slid into the ditch at the corner of Spunken Road and Fitzhugh Street. The driver was slumped over inside the vehicle. Police called the Fredericksburg Rescue Squad to help. After police gave the driver a "breath test," they found that the driver was highly intoxicated. The driver's vehicle was towed and impounded. The driver was arrested and placed in Rappahannock Regional Jail. The driver has no known affiliation to UMW.

Feb. 5- UMW police and the Fredericksburg Fire Department responded to a fire alarm at the UMW Apartments. When they arrived, they found the alarm was set off by burning food that a student had left on the stove. There were no damages to the building or injuries to anyone.

Feb. 9- Around 12:30 p.m., a female UMW student left the Giant grocery store on Route 1 in Fredericksburg. As she was leaving the store, a male approached her and identified himself as being with Giant security. He said he would escort the student to her car. The student told him that Giant did not have security and that she did not need an escort. Then, the man grabbed her arm in an aggressive way and tried to guide her from the store to the parking lot. The student yelled at him to leave her alone and by doing so, attracted the attention of passersby. The man let go of her and returned to the front area of the store. The student immediately reported the incident to the Fredericksburg Police Department. Police are investigating the incident, as well as two similar incidents in the area.

Reminders from UMW Police:

All students are reminded to be aware of their surroundings in parking lots and when approaching public buildings. It is suggested that while in this situation, students should not wear earphones or have cell phone conversations so that they can hear people approaching. When returning to a vehicle, students should have all of their attention and effort dedicated to their surroundings and their vehicle. Students should have their keys in their hands before they get to their car, so that they are not searching for them as they walk. Also, police suggest using a remote car lock whenever possible. If a student is approached by someone or is coerced into a situation where he or she does not feel comfortable, the student should not hesitate to loudly demand for the person to leave. The student should attract as much attention as possible until the person leaves and the student is in a safe place.

The UMW community is reminded to check the UMW Public Safety lost and found. The public safety office receives many items on a daily basis. To check for a lost item, visit Brent Hall during the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. The person will need a description of the lost item and a valid ID.

This information was compiled with help from
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Yearly and Mid-Year Tuition Hikes Frustrating for UMW Students

By BULLET STAFF
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Britney Ellis, a student at the University of Mary Washington, planned to finish college debt-free, but tuition increases are making her original plan difficult. "I'd rather take out all of my savings and pay off school now than take out a loan and have to pay it off for the next five to ten years," she said. "I know that's not possible for everybody."

UMW has seen a 5 percent increase in tuition since 2008, leaving many students wondering what the extra \$169 a semester is going towards and whether the increase will continue as the economy remains shaky.

Mary Washington has not been alone in these statistics. Many other publicly funded Virginia universities including the University of Virginia, Virginia Commonwealth University, Virginia Tech, Longwood University and James Madison University have also seen an increase in tuition over the past five years.

The highest increase of 17.9 percent, or \$1320, occurred at the University of Virginia between 2007 and 2008.

According to the UMW Web site, from 2006 to 2007 there was a tuition increase of \$205, from 2007 to 2008 there was a tuition increase of \$240 and from 2008 to 2009 there was an increase of \$169. This increase only includes in-state undergraduate tuition per semester and education and general fees.

According to Paul Messplay, executive director of budget analysis at UMW, the reason for the increases is mainly due to the economy.

"State revenues are down and they don't have as big a budget anymore," Messplay said. "Higher education is competing with all of the other needs across the state too, corrections in highways and all those things you see in the paper. So, unfortunately in the past few years the tuition increases have primarily gone to offset state funding reductions."

The General Assembly of Virginia determines state funds and where they are allocated. According to the Overview of Proposed Amendments to the 2008 to 2010 budget plan, "Programs such as K-12 public education and Medicaid were largely exempted from reductions in the first year of the budget."

These programs, coupled with a decrease in state funding, have led to the need for a tuition increase.

"Operation costs went up and have been going up annually," Messplay added as another reason for the tuition increase.

On Nov. 20, 2009, the Board of Visitors, which controls tuition rates, approved a mid-year increase of \$100 for the spring semester's tuition bill, which came out in early December.

The increase was in an effort to "preserve academic programs of the institution," Richard Hurley, executive vice president, said.

The mid-year increase is the first since 2002, when tuition was increased by \$252.

The increase will generate roughly \$4 million in revenue, and will recover much of the money lost from the state this fiscal year. The university is currently receiving federal stim-

ulus money to mitigate tuition increases; however, these funds will be cut by 2011, Hurley said.

In his proposal to the BOV, Hurley outlined plans to restore the reduced equipment budget and help replace adjunct professors with more full-time faculty. In addition, \$25,000 will go toward a need-based financial aid fund, which is utilized by roughly 60 percent of students.

The funds from the \$252 tuition increase in 2002 were strictly used to balance the budget, Hurley said.

The College of William and Mary announced a mid-year tuition increase of \$300 at the same time UMW announced its increase, according to the William and Mary Web site. At the time of the BOV's decision, Hurley said other Virginia institutions relative in size in UMW were also considering increases.

Rick Pearce, the associate vice president for business and finance, explained the university's decision.

"University of Mary Washington did not want to raise tuition and is very frustrated that the tuition raises are due to state funding reduction and increased energy rates," Pearce said.

Messplay and Pearce also stated the increased tuition funds are going primarily to two aspects of the university, the operation and maintenance of the plant and scholarships and fellowships. The proposed 2009 to 2010 University Budget Plan and Tuition and Fees by the BOV confirms how the increased tuition funds will be used.

John Wittenmuth, the associate vice president of facilities services, said expenses related to the plant are "generally the costs of salaries, materials, and services, like pest control and elevator repairs, for the maintenance of buildings and grounds."

"No additional funds have actually been budgeted to our accounts," Wittenmuth said. "Our budget was reduced by over \$300,000 this year and included the loss of three more positions in addition to the 10 positions left unfilled in the previous two years."

Because of these decreases in personnel and funds, UMW's "capacity to provide services to students, faculty, and staff has, regrettably, been reduced in like measure," Wittenmuth said.

"The increase shown in the 2009-10 Budget Plan for Operation and Maintenance was largely driven by increases in the cost of utilities," Messplay said. "Other budget adjustments were provided for the operating costs related to the new addition to Lee Hall and for various lease cost increases."

Scholarships and Fellowships also received more funding due to this year's tuition increase, Messplay and Pearce said.

"The only significant increase in financial aid that I am aware of is in the Federal Pell Grant, which is basically a federal entitlement program," Debra Harber, director of financial aid, said. "This increase is due to an increase in the maximum dollar amount that an eligible student may receive from \$4731 to \$5350."

Many students are either unaware of these yearly tuition increases or feel directly affected by them.

"It is frustrating because I bought a car over the summer and I am working three jobs now trying to pay that off along

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Students 'Go Green' in Light Bulb Exchange

By ANGELA CUNEO
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How many people does it take to change a light bulb?

This common question has been asked countless times; however, with the third annual Lightbulb Exchange Program last week and this week at the University of Mary Washington, the question isn't whether or not the light bulb has been changed, it is whether or not it has been exchanged.

For the past three years, the UMW Ecology Club, the Sustainability Department and Residence Life have been co-sponsoring a program in which students, faculty and staff are able to exchange their incandescent light bulbs for energy-saving compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) free of charge.

"Our goal as a club is energy saving and the reduction in harmful pollutants," Elisa Walker, senior member of the Ecology Club and the student in charge of this year's Lightbulb Exchange, said.

CFLs use up to 75 percent less energy than incandescent bulbs, and they have great environmental impacts because less energy used on lighting means less harmful emissions from power plants producing electricity, Walker said. CFLs also last seven to 10 times longer than regular incandescent bulbs.

"The program is open to all students, but this year the club is targeting the freshman class," Walker said.

As opposed to previous years, the exchange locations for this year are in all freshman dorms on-campus, as well as in the Eagle's Nest and Seaboeck.

Since the incoming freshman class has never had the opportunity to exchange their light bulbs, the club believes that these locations will be most effective.

"Those upperclassmen who exchanged light bulbs three years ago should still have them," Walker said. "Those same bulbs are still in use, so the savings in emissions keeps building up."

On top of the energy-saving potential, the program is also beneficial because it helps UMW to save money, Walker said.

According to a flyer handed out by the Ecology Club to students, faculty and staff after they have exchanged their light bulbs, "the less energy we use on light bulbs, the less money UMW pays for electricity. That means lower tuitions and better use of our money."

After the first year of the program, which was during the 2007-2008 school year, roughly 2,000 light bulbs had been exchanged at UMW.

"That was a lot," Walker said. Data from last year has been lost, but Walker estimated that around 500 to 600 bulbs were exchanged last year.

Walker said the program has about 350 light bulbs for this year. The program aims to exchange all of them and hopefully get more if necessary. So far, about 200 light bulbs have been exchanged.

Joni Wilson, director of landscape and grounds, is in charge of purchasing the CFLs. The funding for the program comes from the university.

Ecology Club members feel that the

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Corrections:

In the Jan. 21 issue of the *Bullet*, Professor Mehdi Aminrazavi was incorrectly listed as a former professor in "Alumnus Returns to Tutor Farsi."

In the Feb. 3 article, "Student Wins R&B Award," there were several inaccuracies. The DMV Music Awards were on Jan. 17, junior Mary Turner attended the awards last year but did not perform, Camp Pendleton is an hour north of San Diego, the location of Fat Tuesday's is in Fairfax. Turner transferred to UMW in the fall of 2008, and D.C. music artist Phryme's name was misspelled in the article.

Viewpoints

Going to Class in the Snow is Dangerous

College Avenue has been covered with sheets of ice, snow and tree branches since the "Snowpocalypse" hit Fredericksburg hard last Friday night.

In addition to the main roads by campus, many neighborhood streets remain buried under several feet of snow and ice.

However, despite the wintry conditions, the university re-opened Tuesday morning for classes, leaving many commuting students and professors out in the cold.

We understand the importance of keeping school in session. Professors need to stay on schedule with their syllabi, students have midterms to prepare for and administrators have to watch out for phone calls from angry, tuition-paying parents.

Regardless, choosing to come to class shouldn't be a life-or-death decision based on Virginia's inability to handle snow. The school shouldn't be forcing students to choose between their education and their safety.

As one of the many universities in Virginia to be affected by snow, the UMW administration slipped when the decision was made to keep morning classes on schedule despite the previous "state of emergency".

Germanna Community College, George Mason University, American University, Catholic University and James Madison University were all closed Tuesday due to hazardous conditions.

However, JMU has implemented make-up days when professors have the choice of holding class. They can also hold a make-up class at another time via the Internet, or integrate the missed lessons into future classes.

While this may not be optimal for students who crave snow days, this option seems far safer than trekking across ice under falling trees

to get to class.

For students who live off campus, getting to class has been more trouble than it's worth. With many neighborhood roads left unplowed and icy highways blocking their way, they are missing out on crucial classroom time.

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Many students choose to live off campus as upper-classmen, living instead in near proximity to campus. However, there are still students from all grade levels commuting from Stafford, Northern Virginia and Richmond every day.

Some people can't even get out of their driveways, yet commuters are expected to journey onto I-95 for a couple of classes.

Similarly, many students with internships have difficulties getting to their respective jobs, which can be detrimental when they are potentially as far away as Washington, D.C. Many count towards credit, which can be lost if the student isn't able to show up due to the weather.

While many professors are understanding of empty desks in the midst of the storm and are sometimes even stuck themselves, missing class can be extremely disadvantageous to students in the weeks leading up to midterms.

In an e-mail sent to students, it was recommended that commuters park in the lower levels of the parking garage due to massive amounts of snow in various lots near William Street and the old factory.

After a treacherous drive across campus based on this recommendation, a thick sheet of ice covering the top level of the parking deck awaited these students.

Until the administration wants to pony up and buy every student a pair of ice skates to get to class, we'd rather just stay in the safety of our residence halls and houses.

Being a Grown-Up Still Means You Can Keep Your Childhood

It's Valentine's Day this Sunday, and I'm probably going to send Hannah Montana valentines to my friends, or something else just as ridiculous. I usually go to Target and look for the most obnoxious valentines made this year, usually something Disney or Nickelodeon, to give out to people.

Why? Because simple childhood pleasures, like these valentines, are cool again in college.

During exam week, there's the Stress-Free Zone in the Great Hall where you can make splatter paint Frisbees, sand art and other projects that you used to get in a kit from Zany Brainy back in the day (greatest store ever). On Devil-Goat Day, you get to jump on moon bounces and eat cotton candy. Just this weekend, people were out frolicking in the snow, building snowmen and sledding down hills.

It wasn't like this in high school. In fact, it was the total opposite. A lot of my good friends were a year older than me, and when they graduated, I wished I was getting out, too. They came back during breaks, and when we hung out at the mall, they would discuss whether Natty Light or Keystone was the crappier cheap beer.

I wanted to be them, going to college parties and being able to take classes in things I liked (little did I know I still had to take science and math in college).

When I got to college, it was like being a kid again. My friends and I would buy cartoon-themed school supplies and watch Disney movies in each other's dorm rooms. Since my freshman year, some of my Mason hallmates and I get together each October to watch the cinematic classic Hocus Pocus.

So why is it, that after spending so many years as teenagers trying to prove to the world that we were cool and mature, we resort to things someone half our age or younger would enjoy doing?

I guess since we've finally been granted the freedom we struggled to get in high school, we've seen that while it's fun to not have someone telling you what time you have to be back, it also comes with consequences.

You can skip a class and not necessarily be penalized for it, but you're going to miss a ton of material. In high school, skipping could get you detention, but it wouldn't cost you when it came to the final.

When I graduate in May, I'll definitely be growing up, but growing up doesn't mean you have to give up everything immature and childish. Continue to play board games and eat raw cookie dough. It's okay to still be a kid at heart, even if you're a CEO. When there's pressure and stress in life, you'll need it.

Now, if you'll excuse me, I'm think I'm going to go take a nap.

SINGLE WHITE UNEMPLOYED FEMALE



By Emilie Begin

Girls and Masturbation

Sexclimations Returns With a New Writer

Girls masturbate, too. That's right, girls—I told our dirty little secret. But why keep it a secret when female masturbation is so common? Is it the vulgar word "masturbation" that stops you from sharing or discovering the techniques that pleasure you most—the ones that make your whole body tingle and throb, inside and out?

We share all other heavenly, pleasurable and natural things. But when it comes to sexually pleasing ourselves, we prohibit ourselves from even mentioning the idea, primarily because sex and anything related to it is considered taboo. This is unfortunate, considering humans are naturally sexual beings. As sexual beings, we begin experimenting with sexual pleasure at a young age. In fact, Susan J. Bradley, MD, says in an article in the Canadian Medical Association Journal that "masturbation is not uncommon in young children."

Certainly most of us can recall some childhood experience in which we felt turned on or physically pleased. Maybe a kissing scene in a movie gave you a "feeling" that you could not put your finger on. Perhaps you liked the sensation that was created when you happened to get tangled in your bed covers a certain way. At the time, you did not understand the morality of your actions or the definition of it. All you knew is that it was pleasurable.

Although some people may have abandoned physically pleasing themselves because of embarrassing childhood experiences, guilt, preoccupations, a lack of knowledge or a sense of fear about masturbation, many people begin to explore and grasp the concept of sexuality during adolescence. I remember sitting on a long school bus ride home across from two boys in the eighth grade. While conversing about random things with them, they asked me if I had ever touched myself, you

know, "down there."

Of course I awkwardly squirmed in my seat and tried to change the subject, wishing my stop would come sooner. With no books to tell me whether it was right or wrong and only questions of whether or not it was a sin, I began the journey of sexual discovery that week. After much uncertainty, I eventually learned that I can give myself euphoric, exhilarating sensations with the touch of my hand. Who needs drugs when you can get nearly the same high for free?

Throughout high school, I learned that I was not alone in my sexual endeavors. In intimate conversations, I found out that other girls masturbated, too. Some girls could "get off" by rubbing their clitoris alone; others experienced greater sensations by utilizing their fingers.

Although no one spoke of it at the time, sex toys could greatly aid in achieving powerful sexual sensations, otherwise known as orgasms.

While I knew a few girls who were comfortable enough to experiment with themselves, I knew many that would not speak of such a "sin," or who had simply never tried it. Some friends received enough pleasure by simply watching a "chick flick."

Regardless of past sexual experiences, I highly encourage sexual discovery. There is no feeling comparable to giving yourself a riveting, breathtaking orgasm. It's risk-free, too. I have never heard of someone getting "preggers" because they physically pleased themselves. Go ahead and find pleasure points and the g-spot. It may be challenging at first, but it will definitely be worth it. If you cannot give yourself an orgasm of a lifetime, certainly nobody else will know how to do it for you.



Valentine's Day Not a True Portrayal of Love

BY ANNE ELDER and BRYNN BOYER

News Editors

We like chocolate. We like flowers. We even like pink. But thinking of Valentine's Day makes us madder than getting a "package received" notification from the UMW Post Office after its already closed.

It's not that we're opposed to the idea of the holiday. We aren't bitter cat ladies with personal vendettas against sharing our feelings. And we certainly don't think people should hold in their feelings.

But why does Hallmark have control over when and how we display our affections?

The media's portrayal of Valentine's Day gives people false expectations of what real relationships are like.

If everyone went by commercialized standards, we wouldn't say how we really feel or give a meaningful gift unless we are dressed up at a candlelit dinner, with a sappy streamer of one-liners right before a dramatic surprise with a big red bow around it.

Commercials for Valentine's Day make people think that displays of affection are only annual events. Saying "I love you" doesn't need to be dramatic and accompanied by a black velvet box from Zales.

One day shouldn't have to be the defining moment in all relationships.

Gifts and dates are not limited to one arbitrary day when everyone else is doing the same thing.

Relationships should progress in a way that is right for the two people involved, without the pressure of having to say "I love you" or "I have to give her this today." Otherwise, it doesn't count.

Trust us—it would mean more on any other day of the year, when we knew the idea wasn't provoked by sappy commercials with drifty piano music in the background.

In addition to this, Valentine's Day implies that flowers, chocolate and presents are only for people in relationships.

People without a significant other enjoy these gifts just as much. There just aren't any greeting cards that say, "I do what I want whenever I want...and I can buy my own chocolate."



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Valentine's Day: It's a Way to Give Your Loved One Creative Moments

Valentine's Day is less than three days away. In this day and age, dinner and a movie simply doesn't cut it. A lot of date ideas, especially ones for Valentine's Day, have become clichéd and require zero thought, relying on formulaic and impersonal tradition so much that it becomes more of an afterthought or chore than an honest labor of love.

Everybody is looking for something intimate, memorable, thoughtful and original. If you're still struggling with ideas of where to take that special someone, we've got a few sure-fire tips that will help out in a pinch. And don't forget to use our tips from last week's column to make your Valentine's Day, or any day, extra special!

BAM: A picnic is always a sweet idea. Maybe blindfold your partner and take him/her to the place where you first met, or some other place that's significant to both of you. Or take a brisk walk through a park with some mugs of hot cocoa. It's more intimate and thoughtful than a lot of other ideas, and it also doesn't require reservations or a ton of cash.

KED: If you're looking for a place that overlooks the historic city of Fredericksburg, go check out Chatham Manor. Just across the river, Chatham is open daily from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Its lawn overlooks the river and downtown, and provides not only a great place for a picnic, but a nice place to just exist quietly with that special someone of yours!

BAM: Cook up a quiet dinner in your dorm. It may not be as private, but romance is something you can create no matter where you are, not some-

thing that necessarily just exists on its own. Whoever is the worse cook of the two of you should jump in and help anyway. The whole collaborative aspect of cooking a meal together seems to draw

Boy Meets Girl



By Bryant Matera and Kat Dickinson

couples closer, and you feel like you've accomplished something as a team.

Kat, for instance, is an amazing cook, but I hate letting her do things all on her own, so I insist on helping whenever and wherever I can. Luckily I'm good at following directions, so I can streamline the process by getting a lot of the mindless preparatory things out of the way and saving her

tons of time. Remember that relationships should be a partnership, so there's no reason why you should be sitting back when you could be up helping him or her in any way you possibly can, especially on a day where you're supposed to be appreciating your significant other.

KED: That's exactly what this day is—a day for appreciation. So why not appreciate the one you care for by taking them to a free concert to connect through your passion for music? This Sunday in Dodd will be a performance by the Core ensemble called "Tres Vidas", for free at 3 p.m.! The theater department is also putting on a show entitled "Almost, Maine" this weekend in Studio 115. Why not go support the arts together? Even the art gallery in duPont is open this weekend for visitors!

BAM: If you've been together for a while, go back to the scene of your first date. It's a cute little gesture that lets them know you remember and care.

KED: If you're looking for more of a party atmosphere to take your date to, check out Sammy T's Valentine's Day Celebration. Going on from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m., there'll be dancing, DJs, art and dinner specials. It's free to get in, and it's just down Caroline Street! Don't forget about our own Drag Show on campus on Saturday, though! Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$7 at the door, and it's sponsored by PRISM in the Great Hall.

We hope you've been enjoying the snow and cozying up with the people you love! Have a great Valentine's Day, and we'll see you here next week.

New Eagle Landing Apartments Not Helpful To UMW Students Financially

BY HEATHER BRADY
Viewpoints Editor

The UMW community has been excited about Eagle Village for over a year. Students, professors and administrators have watched it go up piece by piece, and the excitement has become more and more tangible.

As UMW approaches the annual on-campus housing contract and selection period, many students have begun to work out their living plans for next year with one eye on the brand-new apartments.

Residence Life has advertised that the new building will contribute greatly to the amount of residential housing on campus.

Unfortunately, UMW may have priced most of its students out of living in Eagle Landing.

For an academic year comprising about seven months total, students will pay \$6,900 per person for a double room. That's over \$900 a month, and for what? New granite countertops? A breakfast nook?

The price of a double space in the UMW Apartments is about \$4,900 per student—a full \$2,000 more for apartments that feel more spacious than the ones in Eagle Landing.

It doesn't seem justified that students should pay so much more for something new and pretty, when the current apartments are just as good and will be just as clean, as they are thoroughly scrubbed and cleaned before each academic year begins.

The luxury of Eagle Landing's apartments also gives students false expectations. The rent for many crappy apartments in most urban settings is around \$800 a month.

When students hit the real world, won't they wonder why the same amount of money gets them so much less?

Students who have financial aid at UMW are perhaps the most frustrated, however. With all of the hype about these apartments being super nice but still residential, UMW presented the idea initially as something that will be accessible and affordable for everyone.

With the current price of the new apartments, though, these students are now bumping back their expectations and are beginning to look at the UMW Apartments as a pretty good option.

What happens if, after all of the seniors and juniors have gone through housing selection, there are still Eagle Landing apartments that have yet to be filled?

It doesn't seem like these apartments are a solution to the University's need for more and better housing.

It seems instead that this is yet another way that the University is ripping off students financially.

For more information on Eagle Landing, go to umw.edu/cas/residence and click on the Eagle Village link on the left-hand side.

According to Amanda...

Being short isn't a bad thing, despite being called out on it: Amanda's perspective from under 5 feet tall.

BY AMANDA BOCCUTI
Columnist

Apparently, I look very young. I suppose it has to do with my height. At an inch short of five feet, I am admittedly smaller than most college females. Heck, I'm shorter than most fifth graders. Sometimes I forget just how diminutive my frame is, until I'm provided with a reality check: sinking knee-deep into snow, seeing a very short person and realizing I'm shorter, or a stranger pointing it out to me.

The last one seems to happen the most often. It always amazes me how unabashed strangers are about telling me what they perceive my age to be. Once while shopping at the grocery store my senior year of high school, an elderly cashier told me I looked a little young to be shopping by myself. Considering a twelve year old could competently navigate a grocery store, I was miffed.

The summer before my sophomore year of college, I picked up a job at a deli. On a regular basis, customers would lean over the counter and ask, in a hushed voice, if it was legal for me to be operating the slicer. Leaning on my tippy toes to see over the counter, I would assure them I was old enough.

Last semester, while riding the train home from school, a woman across from me heard me mention that I was a college student. She caught my attention when I heard her exclaim, "Girl! You

must have sold your soul to the devil because you don't look a day over fifteen."

More recently, I was in the ER for what turned out to be an anticlimactic eye allergy. Despite my hospital band noting that I am twenty years old, they took me back to the pediatric trauma room. I admired the pastel elephants and balloons painted on the walls from the edge of a cot covered in a whimsical circus print.

Unfortunately, the chronic "under-aging" I am subjected to is not limited to concerned adults. Two semesters ago, I walked by a group of middle school kids touring campus. A group of snickering boys caught my attention to mockingly ask me if I was a college student. After answering with a cold "yes," I was met with a taunting, "you're too little to be in college." Kids can be so cruel sometimes.

When I complain about it, people always tell me that someday I'll appreciate it. I reason that by the time I'm old enough to appreciate having my age grossly underestimated, gravity will have taken its toll and I'll just be wrinkly and short.



Entertainment

Nick Jonas Better Than Expected

By KEVIN KALLMYER
Staff Writer

I fought tooth and nail, kicking and pushing the herds of pre-teens out of my way. They had fire in their eyes but I didn't care; I had to meet him. Nick Jonas.

In my dreams.

Luckily, I don't need to dream anymore. Nick Jonas' debut album, "Who I Am," lets me into his piercing soul. The soul of an artist who towers over the flimsy idols of a prior generation. Bob Dylan, The Beatles, Bruce Springsteen...they are a mere LaToya Jackson talent to the Michael-like insights of Nick Jonas.

The album's first single is "Who I Am." The song describes a young artist, struggling to find where he is in the world, and, more importantly, struggling to find someone to share

it with. Jonas sings, "I want someone to love me/For who I am/I want someone to need me/Is that so bad?"

The listener is compelled to be that person. Jonas is showing us that it is okay to be in love with the Jonas Brothers. It is okay to spend all your money on Jonas Brother's merchandise or travel multiple days to see them or join a cult dedicated to them. But not only is it okay, it is encouraged.

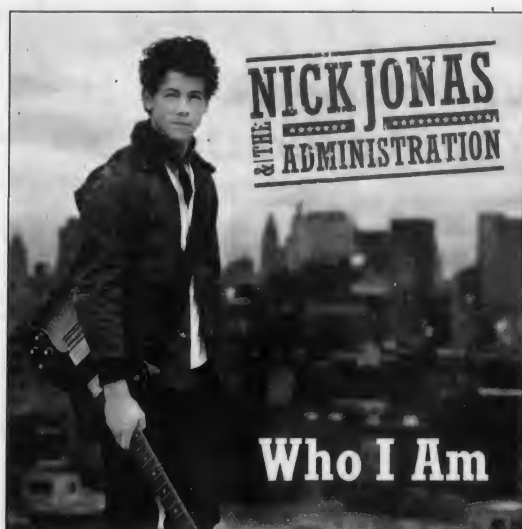
He needs you. It is hard to think otherwise, because this song is just...that...good.

The album continues with "Conspiracy Theory," a rock and roll track that livens up the record. In a surprising display of originality, Nick breaks new ground by combining Nashville blues and Disney Channel pop. He even lets out a

shout here and there, showing the listener that (at least) he is really having fun!

The album continues with "provocative" and "fun" songs that really make the listener think. From "Tonight" to "State of Emergency," each song sounds relatively distinct, a marvelous evolution in the Jonas Brothers' career.

In December, Nick's dreamy brother, Kevin got married at the tender age of 22. Following the marriage, he proclaimed to his promise-ring wearing fans that, "after we did it, I was kind of like, that's it?" You will not ask that yourself question after listening to his brother's debut album "Who I Am."



courtesy of www.fanpop.com

Truth, Lore Balanced in 'Wolfman'



courtesy of www.obsessedwithfilm.com

By BRITTANY ADAMS
Staff Writer

Universal Pictures completely re-vamped their vision of the classic werewolf legend in "The Wolfman," which opens in theatres this Friday.

Instead of modernizing the legend à la "Teen Wolf" (1985), the studio has gone back to basics. "The Wolfman" is again set in Victorian England at the Talbot Estate, with the tragic Talbot family at its center. After both his mother and brother's deaths, Lawrence Talbot (Benicio del Toro) is bitten by a werewolf, and cursed to cope with being both a good-natured man and a blood-thirsty beast. His father (Anthony Hopkins) and brother's fiancée (Emily Blunt) try to help him as Inspector Aberline (Hugo Weaving) closes in on the truth about Lawrence.

The filmmakers fabricated the death of Lawrence's brother and his subsequent life as a cursed man, along with some dramatic elements, but the story does draw from some truth. Like its predecessor, the remake grounds itself in an abundance of historical facts and lore. Lady Talbot was,

in fact, found beaten to death in 1865, and other victims—most of whom worked at the estate—were found brutally murdered over the next three years. Additionally, in that time period, legends of werewolves ran rampant, such as the story of the Beast of Gévaudan, which was said to have terrorized the French countryside at the end of the 18th century. None of the murders were ever explained, nor were any werewolf-like creatures ever caught.

Universal Studios is responsible for a string of monster movies, starting with the original "Wolfman" in 1941, and the new remake is an attempt to get back to the original tradition of such movies. "The Wolfman" is reminiscent of Francis Ford Coppola's "Bram Stoker's Dracula" (1992). Instead of the overdone, bat-like images of vampires, Coppola strove to go back to the book and historical lore. In a similar manner, Joe Johnston, the director of "The Wolfman," uses the historical facts, ancient lore and a hint of fiction to create the new take on the werewolf legend. The new film promises to hearken back to what made monster movies great in the first place—their formation from existing unexplained events and human fears.



Bullet Points

Thursday, February 11

•Local DJ duo The Beetkeepers are hosting another dance party at The Otter House, located at 1005 Princess Anne St., with The OK Corral opening the set. Doors open at 9 pm, 21+ with a \$3 cover.

•The department of theatre and dance presents "Almost, Maine," a play about the people in a small town and their struggles with love. The play will be showing in Studio 115 in DuPont Hall from Feb. 11-14. Check page 6 for show times.

•The film "Precious," based on the novel "Push" by Sapphire, will be screened in Lee Hall 411 for free at 6 pm. The film is about a girl growing up in the harsh environment of 1987-Harlem and deals with some adult subject matter, so be advised.

Friday, February 12

•Do you like to laugh? Of course you do. Head over to The Undeniably Adjacent's improv comedy show in Combs 139 at 8 pm for the low, low price of free!

•For all the art appreciators out there, the senior exhibition, Yes Loitering, will have its grand opening from 5:00pm to 7 pm at duPont Gallery. If you can't make it, the show runs until Feb. 21 at normal duPont hours.

•Cheap Seats will presents "Pirate Radio" at 7 pm, a film about the pirate radio that inspired 1960s Britain, and "New Moon" at 10:00pm, the sequel to "Twilight" that sees a werewolf enter the competition for Bella's heart.

Saturday, February 13

•In honor of Black History Month, the James Farmer Multicultural Center is presenting a step show in Dodd Auditorium at 7 pm for \$7.

•The Community Outreach and Resources' Sixth Annual Charity Poker Tournament happens today at the Great Hall at 2:00pm, so come out if you think you've got a good poker face.

•Cheap Seats will show "New Moon" at 7 pm and "Pirate Radio" at 10 pm for one dollar admission in Lee Hall 411.

Valentine's Day is on
Sunday. If your girlfriend
told you she
doesn't care if you do
anything or not,
she lied.



Trust us.

Sunday, February 14

•It's Valentine's Day! Take your sweetheart out to a nice restaurant, write a love poem, climb to the top of a building and declare your love to the world. If you don't have a sweetheart yet, today would be a great day to finally make your move. Or get totally shut down.

Monday, February 15

•A free discussion will be hosted by the Black Student Association in Meeting Room 4 of the Woodard Campus Center entitled "My Life: I am a Jewish African American." It is about how cultural identifiers play in the lives of those who identify themselves as both Jewish and African American.

Tuesday, February 16

•The Black Student Association will be hosting a talent show in The Underground at 8 pm for free, so come out to see how talented our campus really is.

Wednesday, February 17

•As of this writing, the forecast for February 17 is a sunny 40 degrees with a low of 23 degrees according to weather.com, so it's anyone's guess whether we'll have classes, but do your homework just in case.

Send Bullet Points or Valentine messages
to d7gallagher@gmail.com

Entertainment

Studio 115 Debuts 'Almost, Maine'

By DAVID GALLAGHER
Entertainment Editor

This weekend, Studio 115 at the department of theatre and dance will be premiering "Almost, Maine," a play by John Ciarani. This will be the studio's only staged performance of the semester, due to the large debut of "Romeo and Juliet" in the Klein Theatre this April.

"Almost, Maine" takes place in the fictional town of Almost, Maine, on a Friday night in mid-winter. The play consists of numerous mini-stories of different views of love, both lost and found. The cast consists of only four actors, who play all of the many roles.

"This 'tragicomedy' is the perfect date choice for Valentine's Day weekend.

The playwright, John Ciarani, grew up not far from the fictional setting, in Presque Isle, Maine. After studying history at Amherst College, he moved to New York City and spent 15 years acting in off-Broadway plays, television shows—such as "Numbers" and "Law and Order"—and movies such as "Kissing Jessica Stein" and "Showtime."

Ciarani didn't begin to write plays until 2004. "Almost, Maine" was his first production. The play was named one of the ten best of the 2004/2005 regional season by *The Wall Street Journal*, and has been produced by theaters in countries as far away as Korea, Germany, United Arab Emirates and Australia.

The play is being directed by senior theatre major Maggie Bausch.

"Almost, Maine" will run from Thursday, Feb. 11, to Sunday, Feb. 14 with a total of six shows in the department's black box studio. Tickets to "Almost, Maine" are free and distributed on a first-come, first-serve basis one hour before performances begin at the door of Studio 115, in the basement of duPont Hall.

Studio 115 has a small capacity and will sell out quickly. Make sure to arrive early to purchase tickets.

Performances of 'Almost, Maine'

Feb. 11: 7:30 p.m.

Feb. 12: 7:30 p.m.

Feb. 13: 2 p.m.,

7:30 p.m.

Feb. 14: 2 p.m.,

7:30 p.m.



courtesy of David Gallagher/The Bulletin

Cameron Doucette and Kalyna Jowyk in "Almost, Maine" in Studio 115

'Jersey Shore' Returns For Season 2

By BREANDAN OUDEKERK
Staff Writer

America's favorite beach-going party crew is confirmed to return for a second season of MTV's hit television show, "Jersey Shore," this summer. All cast-members have agreed to film 12 new episodes at an undisclosed "warm" location where their newest series of dramatic events will unfold.

Some rumors alleged that the show's most popular break-out stars like Nicole "Snookie" Polizzi, Paul "Pauly D" Delvecchio, and Mike "The Situation" Sorrentino would be receiving more money per episode than the other cast members. However, those rumors were debunked after OK! Magazine announced on January 30 that the cast members had purportedly agreed on an equal \$10,000 each per episode.

The show has sparked some controversy, taking hits for perpetuating Italian stereotypes. Some advertisers even

stopped backing the show after a controversial bar fight in which Nicole "Snookie" Polizzi was punched in the face by a man. The show's popularity

amongst young viewers, however, has ensured its continuation.

The show's real draw is the crazy antics of the housemates who try and live up to their reputation as club-going twenty-somethings. From fights on the boardwalk, fights in the clubs, and fights in the house -- the show is never short on insane behavior from the various members of the house.

The cast has been making their rounds of late night talk shows from "The Tonight Show," "The Jay Leno Show," and even "Chelsea Lately." A number of viral video parodies of the show have also appeared on the Internet. The cast has even joined in on the action by poking fun at themselves in a variety of skits.

There's been buzz that the show could be set anywhere from Sea Isle, N.J. to Miami, Fla. or even Las Vegas as the new setting for the second season.

"They might blend in too much in Miami. My hope is that they take the show someplace really boring and dull so the cast can add some excitement to their new surroundings," said sophomore Juliet Taylor.

Wherever the returning cast does end up, the same drama and action are sure to follow.



photo courtesy of www.static.tvfanatic.com

New Beach House CD Most Accessible

By KYLE SHEARIN
Staff Writer

The indie rock duo Beach House return once again with their latest album, "Teen Dream." Anyone familiar with the duo's previous albums will feel right at home.

The new record boasts a much lighter, clearer and more expressive sound, which allows for an overall more-inclusive experience. It also keeps the pace moving surprisingly well for all of its moodiness and dream-like qualities.

Alex Scally plays the keyboard and guitar, while Victoria Legrand plays the organ and takes care of the vocals. The two formed in Baltimore.

The album was produced by Chris Coady (TV on the Radio, Islands, Yeah Yeah Yeahs), whose influence no doubt led to the duo's more clean and crisp acoustics. The improvement in sound has sacrificed the intimate nature of the band for a much lush, vivid pop sound. The songs are still more or less melancholy and nostalgic, but given the refinements made in the production, the

record comes off as tighter and more youthful.

The opening track, "Zebra," starts off creepily yet becomes a refreshing delight with Legrand's haunting vocals driving the melody. Another song off the album, "Walk in the Park," arguably offers the catchiest chorus on the album.

Beach House's biggest asset, however, has always been the ability to allow the listener to incorporate their own imagery and imagination into the songs. This trend continues in "Teen Dream."

With ten tracks, Teen Dream holds up after each spin and stays relentlessly consistent. All in all, the record's hi-fi production doesn't change the band's ability to write mellow, dark, atmospheric songs that really stick.

Hopefully the band will attract the audience it deserves and continue to intrigue their already captured fans. If you haven't given Beach House a proper shot before, "Teen Dream" may very well be their most accessible record to date.



Alex Scally and Victoria Legrand of Beach House.

courtesy of www.clashmusic.com

Features

Students Fight Against Cancer

UMW teams fundraise for cancer society event in April

By JORDAN KROLL
Staff Writer

The University of Mary Washington will host its first ever Relay for Life with the help of a hard working group of students and their sponsor from the American Cancer Society.

The event will begin at 6 p.m. on April 17 and last until 6 a.m. the next day "because cancer never sleeps." It will take place on the campus recreation fields.

Teams can have as many members as they'd like and must have at least one person on the track during the relay at all times. Currently there are 36 registered teams with a total of 156 participants, but groups may sign up until the day of the event.

Teams may register on the UMW Relay for Life Web site and are encouraged to sign up early so captains can attend bi-weekly meetings and fundraise, according to Public Relations and Marketing Chair Joe Martin, a sophomore.

Headed by sophomore Luke Ruth, the event's planning committee consists entirely of students and an American Cancer Society sponsor. Ruth was unable to be reached for comment, but others expressed interest in this cause because of the direct impact cancer has had on their lives.

Sophomore Kelly O'Grady said she became involved in Relay for Life because "I lost someone in my immediate family to cancer 13 months ago [...] if I am actively helping others to avoid going through this, then there is less time to be sad and more time to remember what's important in life."

There are many ways to get involved with UMW's Relay for Life. If physical activity isn't one of your strengths, donating money, food or other supplies to the event is encouraged. According to O'Grady, however, "the best volunteers are the team members."

According to the website, the event has raised \$4,960 so far. The money will be donated directly to the cancer society and will be used in a variety of ways.

From helping people currently battling cancer get better, to providing support and education, to funding research for a cure, every dollar earned at the event goes into the fight against cancer.

Because this is the first time UMW has held an event like this, the planning committee has hit a few small bumps along the way but is still excited and optimistic about the event.

Junior Samantha Luffy, the com-



Courtesy of relayforlife.org

The UMW Relay Committee (above) is planning the Relay for Life event on April 17. Students can register or join their teams online to begin fundraising for cancer research.

mittee's spirit chair, said that the work that's gone into this event has been "overwhelming" at times, but thinks that the effort will ultimately be worth it because, "this event will show the student body and our community that fighting cancer is more than donating money—although the money is important—it's about com-

mitting to join together to fight cancer with everything we've got."

The event began with a kickoff night in November where teams could register and start fundraising. Between now and the event, there will also be individual team fundraisers that people can attend to show their support. More information about

these individual events can be found on the UMW Relay for Life website.

This year the Relay is '80s themed, so participants should come out dressed in their favorite spandex and leg warmers and get ready to work hard for an amazing cause.

Author's Memoir on Failed Dating

By JORDAN KROLL
Staff Writer

Rather than brooding on a lonely Valentine's Day this Sunday, save your tears and laugh while you read comedian Julie Klausner's new collection of essays about her failed past relationships, "I Don't Care About Your Band: What I Learned from Indie Rockers, Trust Funders, Pornographers, Felons, Faux Sensitivity Hipsters, and Other Guys I've Dated." You can be thankful that none of her stories happened to you.

In this hilarious memoir Klausner does not hold back. She discusses everything from her first boyfriend at summer camp to the relationship she had with Colin, a very odd man twenty years her senior.

While she may not have the most relatable experiences, Klausner does an excellent job placing each of her stories in a larger context. Each essay has a distinct nugget of wisdom that Klausner is trying to impart on her audience, without being too didactic.

Although her feminist ramblings can get heavy-handed at times, Klausner is hilarious enough for that not to matter. Like a female David Sedaris, the lessons learned in Klausner's essays are somehow simultaneously uniquely hers and applicable to every girl reading this in some way.

Klausner's fresh and snappy language makes this book an enjoyable read from start to finish. She uses clever and unique pop culture references that serve only to enrich her already fascinating text. This book is a fun, lighthearted read that is a refreshing change from much of the drivel we are forced to endure, thanks to the popularity of writers such as Jodi Picoult and Nicolas Sparks.

This feel-good manifesto urges women to stop feeling bad about their failed relationships and sexual encounters, and to stop feeling bad about feeling bad.

She is a bold and funny woman who empowers others to embrace their mistakes and move forward, happy with a funny story about an unusual encounter, rather than stressing out because this man could have had "husband potential" but

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Top 10 Online Fundraising Colleges and Universities

1. East Hartford (CT)	\$91,270.58
2. Boston College (MA)	\$73,859.91
3. University of Georgia (GA)	\$73,694.53
4. Virginia Tech (VA)	\$70,034.25
5. Georgetown University (DC)	\$55,584.86
6. University of Michigan (MI)	\$42,292.33
7. University of Hartford (CT)	\$37,730.00
8. Washington University (MO)	\$33,298.50
9. Carnegie Mellon University (PA)	\$30,810.66
10. Ithaca College (NY)	\$29,846.00

Courtesy of relayforlife.org

Dining on a Dime

French Onion Soup

By Kaitlin Mayhew

This recipe takes a while to make but is very simple and great to whip up on a long snow day at home.

Ingredients:

2 tbs butter
4 cups onions
8 cups beef broth
1 cup cooking sherry or red wine
1 clove garlic
Gruyere cheese grated

Directions:

1. Cut the onions into thin rings and mince the garlic.
2. Melt the butter and saute the onions and garlic.
3. Cover and cook until the onions are a walnut brown.
4. Then, add the broth and the sherry or red wine and cook for about an hour and thirty minutes.



Kaitlin Mayhew/Bullet

5. Add salt and pepper to taste, and a little water if the liquid has reduced too much.
6. Ladle into bowls and top with grated Gruyere cheese.

Another good swiss cheese will work too, if you don't have gruyere.

Features

Not A Basic Summer: Finding an Internship

By MEGAN EICHENBERG
Staff Writer

With three months left on the calendar until May, many companies and corporations are already seeking interns to fill their empty cubicles and take on professional responsibilities over the summer.

While some major summer internship programs had application deadlines in January and February, there are several resources located on campus and beyond where students can turn to locate internships with cut-off dates that extend into March.

Here's an overview of a few places to look to jumpstart the internship search:

UMW Office of Career Services

Located in Lee Hall 308, the Office of Career Services maintains internship postings that specifically target University of Mary Washington students. The openings are posted on UMW's eRecruiting Experience web site, which consists of a database students can use to seek out internships by major or employer industry.

Students also can upload their resumes to the site and sign up to register for Career Services' workshops, such as the Feb. 15 "Knock 'Em Dead in the Interview" and the Feb. 17 "Resume Writing from A-Z" seminars.

Department Web sites

Most of the 22 academic departments showcase internship opportunities on their web pages. While the featured internships are mostly department or field specific, following up on a listing may lead to additional opportunities for other majors within the company.

The department of historic preservation links to both paid and unpaid internships across the nation.

The department of political science and international affairs maintains a recent internships page that goes back to 2003, while the department of English has an inventory of 90 past academic internship sites under the careers portion of its web site.

The Economics department web page features a list of past student internships that also includes personal accounts from students describing their experiences as an intern for companies like The Washington Capitals Hockey Club, Virginia Credit Union and the Environmental Protection

Agency

Internship Web sites

The Office of Career Services web site provides several links organized by career field to internship search web sites.

For students contemplating signing a 12-month lease to remain in Fredericksburg over the summer, area specific web sites include www.VirginiaIntern.com and www.WashingtonIntern.com, both part of USA Intern, LLC, which has internship web sites for each state in the nation.

www.USAJobs.gov/studentjobs is the student-centered Federal government's official job listing site. It has a large inventory of job openings across the United States.

The site also outlines the different types of Federal student employment, including summer employment, internships, volunteer service, two types of Student Educational Employment Programs and the Federal Career Intern Program.

Apprenticeships, cooperatives, fellowships, grants and scholarships also are featured on the site.

Government agencies with current listings on the site include the Small Business Administration, Office of Veterans Affairs and National Park Service.

Twitter

Several companies, organizations and news outlets have accounts on Twitter, the microblogging web site that enables users to communicate through concise text based messages.

The Washington Post has an account at www.twitter.com/dcinternjobs, where internships in the DC Metro area are publicized. The job title and location are listed, followed by a link to the full position announcement.

The Department of the State, Verizon, NBC Universal, Disney, CBS, Fox, and the WB each have accounts specifically devoted to job and internship postings within their companies at sites across the United States.

A search using the keywords "careers" and "internships" yields several other organizations and personal accounts devoted to the employment search where job hunters can skim through feeds of 140 character or less opening announcements.

serious a situation seems at the time, there will always be a funny story to arise from the ashes of your dignity.

From discussing her "lack of daddy issues" to sex with a really gross dude just to boost her self-esteem, Klausner doesn't ever censor herself. She's a like a big sister or a best friend who makes hilarious mistakes that you can learn from without ever having to make them yourself.

Klausner spends a lot of time talking about her profession in the male-dominated comedy world and how that has negatively affected her dating life. Not that being in a male-dominated world is relatable to Mary Washington students, but if you guys ever find yourselves in a real-life situation, her wisdom on the subject may be relevant (that means cut this out and save it).

This vast array of poignant, yet hilarious essays captures the reader's attention from the very start and keeps it through the final page.

THAT'S WHAT SHE SAID....

By KAITLIN MAYHEW
Features Editor

The consensus seems to be that everyone is tired of snow. Poor Virginians who flock to the supermarkets to clean the shelves of milk and bread in anticipation of the usual light dusting of snow have had all their worst fears confirmed.

And while I will agree that I am a little tired of pulling on my snow boots and attempting for the millionth time to free my car from its icy prison, I am still enjoying the snow.

I think this must be some emotion leftover from childhood, when snow only meant sledding, snow men and a day out of school. There was nothing bad, no stress, no inconvenience, just fun. The plow trucks were evil, trying to take away all our fun; we

would groan when we saw them coming down the road.

Inconvenience is a word that people only learn in adulthood, and it takes the fun out of things that used to bring only excitement. Losing power used to be an excuse to light candles and pretend I was Laura Wilder, now it just means that all the food in the fridge will go bad and the computer is losing battery power.

Needless to say, a snow storm like those we have been experiencing is an incredible inconvenience. It interrupts everything that we use to create our livelihoods, our roads, cars, walkways, phone service, electricity, etc. Even during the aftermath, when work and classes start again, and the plow truck hasn't come anywhere near your immensely long driveway or cul-de-sac.

The snow gets ugly then: brown,

red and black from the sand and exhaust, laying in stagnant piles on the side of roads or along the edges of parking lots. A slush develops from the tire ruts that is harder and more difficult to walk in than the snow itself.

But there is something magical about snow that I can't believe anyone would deny, especially right after it's fallen and not yet sullied by footprints, plows, car tracks and sand. Everything is under a soft blanket of white and it seems simple, as if the snow takes us back to a time without all the man-made things it covers. Again the world is natural and shows us just how little control we as people have over the earth. Despite our manipulations, mother nature rules, and she always will. And no matter the inconvenience that will be something I will always love.



Courtesy of Helene Joubert

Essays Encourage Readers to Not Dwell on Males

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was ruined.

If this book doesn't teach readers anything else, it's that no matter how



Courtesy of amazon.com

'I Don't Care About Your Band' is one of the essays in Julie Klausner's collection.

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Outside the Fence



By ANNE ELDER
Staff Writer

Toyota's Continues Recalls, Hybrids Next

As of Tuesday, Feb. 9, Japanese automaker Toyota recalled 437,000 Prius and other hybrid cars, bringing the total number of recalled cars to 8.5 million, according to the *Washington Post*. The latest recall was the result of several faulty brake complaints. At a news conference Tuesday, President Akio Toyoda said, "We will face up to the facts and correct the problem, putting customers' safety and convenience first." The *Post* reported that State Farm Insurance first alerted Toyota officials to the problem in 2007, when it received an increase of reports regarding "unexpected acceleration." Prius repairs are expected to begin this week in Japan and shortly in the U.S., according to the *Post*.

10 Americans Arrested in Haiti for Child Trafficking

On Feb. 4, a group of ten American Baptists were arrested in Haiti after trying to enter the Dominican Republic in a bus with 33 Haitian children along for the ride, according to the *Washington Post*. The group was hoping to rescue the children after the Jan. 12 earthquake, but did not obtain proper documentation, according to the *Post*. At the time of their arrest, the group maintained that the children were all orphans, though later some of the children said they had parents, according to the *New York Times*. On Tuesday, Feb. 9, the Americans asked for help from the US government, and wished that the media would focus less on them, according to the *Times*. "I have faith in

God," detainee Corinna Lankford told the *Times*. "But maybe the U.S. government could help a little more, too." The Americans have been charged with kidnapping and criminal association, with many thinking they were involved in human trafficking, according to the *Times*.

Google Takes Over the World

After taking the world by storm with its acclaimed search engine, e-mail services, and blogging site, the Google company said Wednesday it plans to expand the enterprise to include fiber networks, according to the *Washington Post*. The Internet services will "deliver Internet access speeds of one gigabit per second," as reported by the *Post*. Currently, high-speed Internet connections are able to run around 20 to 50 megabits per second. The service will initially be offered to a small test audience of between 50,000 and 500, 000 people, according to InformationWeek.com. On their fiber network press release, the company said they will accept information from interested communities until Mar. 26, which they will use to set-up the network.

Winter Olympics to Begin Friday Night

This Friday, the Winter Olympics will begin in Vancouver, Canada. Among the top U.S. competitors are snowboarder Shaun White, skiers Lindsey Vonn and Julia Mancuso, short track speed skater Apolo Ohno, speed skaters Shani Davis,

Chad Hedrick, and Trevor Marsicano, and figure skaters Evan Lysacek and Johnny Weir, according to NBCOlympics.com. The *Washington Post* has called Vonn the "top U.S. hopeful," citing previous victories in races and her competitive personality. However, Vonn injured her shin last week in training, according to the *Post*, making her wonder if she will miss any events due to pain. "A very interesting ride," she said to the *Post* at a news conference. "Very emotional. Very scared. And not the positive way you want to be starting the Olympics." The opening ceremony for the Olympics will air at 7:30 p.m. on Friday night.

House Republicans May Not Attend Bipartisan Summit

On Sunday, Feb. 7, President Obama announced a half-day summit of national television, in an attempt to open bipartisan discussions on the health-care reform bill, according to the *Washington Post*. However, Monday night leaders of the GOP announced that they may not be in attendance at the summit. The *Post* reported that Republicans want to start the bill over and get rid of the current proposal. According to the *New York Times*, the summit would be televised live this month. "I want to come back and have a large meeting, Republicans and Democrats, to go through systematically all the best ideas that are out there and move it forward," Obama said in the interview Sunday night. The meeting is scheduled for Feb. 25, according to the *Times*.

Third Year for Club's Energy Initiatives

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Lightbulb Exchange Program is making a difference.

"It's the simplest way to reduce your carbon footprint," junior Desiree DeHaven said. "It's so easy. There is nothing to say 'no' to."

Although the Lightbulb Exchange has been the Ecology Club's most influential program, Walker hopes that the club's impact does not end there.

"What the Eco Club wants to emphasize is that exchanging a light bulb is a good first step, but it's not the only thing," Walker said.

UMW, in cooperation with NORESOCO, an energy services company, has worked to develop the "Three Behaviors" campaign, which is a list of initiatives to help UMW participate in "going green."

The first of these steps is the establishment of the President's Council on Sustainability, a group of students, staff and faculty who advise the university on how to act on their institutional commitment to sustainability and environmental stewardship.

The second is UMW's participation in an event called Recyclemania, a 10-week-long recycling contest.

The third step is to encourage students to participate in three energy saving behaviors recommended

by NORESOCO—to take shorter showers, to turn off fans and air conditioning units when not in the room and to turn off computers when not in use.

Ehren Guzman, a junior member of the Ecology Club, hopes that when the Lightbulb Exchange Program continues next year, the club could think about adding different sizes of light bulbs to exchange.

"For example people come with flood lights, and we can't help them,"

Guzman said. "They won't fit in the sockets."

Despite small changes, most are satisfied with the program's progress.

"I think it's been a real positive change," Chris Porter, director of Residence Life said. "The Ecology Club, the Residence Life staff and our partners at Noreco have worked very hard to get the word out about conserving energy and reducing greenhouse gasses. The Lightbulb Exchange is one part of a larger effort to help people be more cognizant of their energy use."

The Lightbulb Exchange will continue this week and next week. The exchange will take place today from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Apartments Clubhouse, Sunday, Feb. 14 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Seacobeck and Tuesday, Feb. 16 from 7 to 9 p.m. in Jefferson Hall and Russell Hall.

Re-Opening On Track for 2011

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will give all of the departments more space.

The outside of Monroe will see changes during the renovation process too.

The wooden columns will be replaced with new fiberglass capitals and all the exterior windows will be replaced with energy efficient models.

"Our department understands why changes are taking place within Monroe Hall as to its air handling and heating system," Douglas Sanford, associate professor and chair of the historic preservation department said. "Similarly, we respect the needs of the academic departments there to have new and updated facilities for themselves and their students."

Some students and faculty in the historic preservation department are upset about the loss of Monroe Hall's murals. The murals, which depict the state seals of America, were painted in the 1940s by Emil M. Schnellock, a former professor, and students from his murals painting course. Some in the department feel that by losing some of the murals, Monroe Hall is losing its historical value.

"Monroe Hall has had various alterations in the past, as well," Sanford said. "Still, our concern has been over the extent of loss for the building's historic materials and elements. Once gone, those portions of the building can never be replaced. We wished that more attention would have been given to Monroe Hall's historic qualities in the ongoing renovation."

The murals on the main floor are being protected for future restoration, Wiltenmuth said.

However, "reconfiguration of walls on the upper floor will result in loss of those murals," he said. "Pictorial documentation was accomplished prior to the start of construction for historical record of the changes."

Not all students are excited about the renovations to Monroe Hall.

"I am so upset with the construction," Megan Paulson, a senior anthropology major, said. "Why would they want to take a building with so much history and so much beauty and change it?"

Blizzard Caused UMW to Cancel Classes

Right: Students walk down Campus Walk on Monday. The winter storm that went through Fredericksburg over the weekend left over two feet of snow in its wake.



Anne Elder/Bullet

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duras.

On Sunday and Monday, SHH volunteers shoveled out around 10 cars and three houses, Aystas said, raising over \$200 for an education center in Honduras.

"I like the snow, but I don't know about everyone else," sophomore Michael Behrens said as he shoveled snow from around a car on Monday with fellow volunteers Aystas, sophomore Katie Yudin and junior Beth Haver.

The group worked for about six hours on Sunday, using borrowed shovels and spades to dig out students' cars.

"This was more of a last-minute thing," Yudin said of the fundraising idea. "We're just trying to take advantage of the snow."

The university was closed on Monday, but re-opened Tuesday morning, despite icy conditions on-campus. Trees that fell during the storm remained along College Avenue and Campus Walk.

However, evening events and classes were cancelled beginning at 6 p.m. Tuesday, due to a winter storm warning.

"The administration put themselves in a bad situation," Morris said regarding school re-opening Tuesday.

Carter said that although she was disappointed about the university's decision, she was not surprised.

The winter weather caused groups to change many events on campus scheduled for last weekend.

The special election for the Judicial Review Board was postponed to tomorrow, Feb. 12 outside the Eagle's Nest.

The Office of Student Activities and Community Services postponed the Elby Brass and SafetySuit concerts scheduled for last Friday night. SafetySuit is now scheduled to perform on March 19 and the Elby Brass concert has been postponed to a later date.

The National Weather Service issued another winter storm warning Tuesday, expecting an accumulation of seven to 14 inches across the region.

The university was closed on Wednesday because of the additional accumulation. Many students ventured outside on their day off to sled, build igloos and snowmen and have snowball fights.

"As long as the roads are clear by the weekend, I'm ok with [the snow]," Lee said.

Other Va. Schools Face Similar Issues

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with tuition that is not covered by financial aid," junior Virginia Osella said. "So the tuition rise just adds to it all."

Prarthana Gurung, a sophomore, said she was aware of the tuition increase "because I am paying for half, so my parents let me know."

"I didn't receive enough financial aid," Gurung said. "I switched the company from where I was receiving my loans and I had to apply for more scholarships through the school."

Though Gurung said she felt the tuition increase

was fair, she said she wished she could see where the money was going. If tuition continues to rise, Gurung said her additional debt may alter her plans after graduation.

Though many students and parents feel the consequences of the tuition increase, Messplay said that the faculty and staff are equally distressed.

There is a growing difficulty of trying "to offer a lot of new programming and expansion of programming when all the dollars are going back to offset the state funding reduction," Messplay said.

—Kathryn Ashworth, Ashleigh Buyers, Peter Coo and Marie Sicola contributed to this report.

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Sports

NBA Midseason Bullet Awards

By ZACH MORETTI
Staff Writer

With the NBA All-Star game festivities slated for this weekend, let's take a look at how the individual awards would fall should the season end today.



Courtesy of the Associated Press

Oklahoma City Coach Scott Brooks was an interim coach many thought would not return. His leadership, however, is vital.

Rookie of the Year: Tyreke Evans (Sacramento)

The first year player out of Memphis has been everything the Kings could have hoped for and more. He is contributing in every which way, averaging 20.3 points, 4.6 rebound, 5.1 assists, and 1.5 steals per contest. He looks to be the centerpiece of the Sacramento organization for years to come.

Other Candidates: Stephen Curry (Golden State), Brandon Jennings (Milwaukee)

Most Improved Player: Joakim Noah (Chicago)

Noah was an average player a season ago, as he averaged 6.7 points and 7.6 rebounds. This year he has taken his game to another level, averaging 11.2 points and 12 rebounds a game to go along with stellar defensive play highlighted by his great shot blocking (1.7 per game). Noah also improved his dreadful foul shooting from seasons past to become a solid free throw shooter at over 77 percent.

Other Candidates: Chris Kaman (Los Angeles Clippers), Aaron Brooks (Houston)

Sixth Man of the Year: Jamal Crawford (Atlanta)

Crawford has been a scoring machine off the Hawks bench this season. The 11-year veteran is averaging 17.6 points per game off the bench while adding 2.4 boards, 2.9 assists and a ton of clutch shots for his team. Atlanta would not be pushing into the elite group of title contenders if not for him.

Other Candidates: Carl Landry (Houston), Many Ginobili (San Antonio)

Defensive Player of the Year: Josh Smith (Atlanta)

The difference between Smith and the reigning Defensive Player of the Year is Smith's versatility. While Dwight Howard only guards the other teams opposing center, the Hawks move Smith around and have him defend up to three positions. His great defensive numbers (2.2 blocks, 1.5 steals) warrant the honor as well.

Other Candidates: Dwight Howard (Orlando), Gerald Wallace (Charlotte)

Coach of the Year: Scott Brooks (Oklahoma City)

Most people probably couldn't name the coach of the upstart Thunder, but that doesn't make what he has done this year any less remarkable. Of the top nine players in coach Brooks' rotation, eight of them are under the age of 26. It usually takes a couple years for all that young talent to gel, but Brooks has somehow

sped up the process as his team is currently 30-21 and well in the playoff hunt. Truly a great coaching job.

Other Candidates: Mike Brown (Cleveland), Phil Jackson (Los Angeles Lakers), Larry Brown (Charlotte)

Most Valuable Player: LeBron James (Cleveland)

There is no other option here. His numbers are phenomenal (50 percent shooting, 29.8 points, 7.1 rebounds, 8.2 assists, 1.6 steals, and 1 block per game), but more importantly King James has led the Cavs to the best record in the NBA. Mo Williams, the Cavs second best player, has been out the past couple of weeks with shoulder injury, yet Cleveland doesn't miss a beat and James leads them on a 13 game winning streak. He's the best player in the league, he's having the best season both individually and team wise in the league, and he has less around him than any other contender. That's why he's the MVP.

Other Candidates: Kobe Bryant (Los Angeles Lakers), Kevin Durant (Oklahoma City), Carmelo Anthony (Denver), Chris Bosh (Toronto)



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LeBron James has set himself apart from the league, and his stellar play should let him coast to his second straight NBA MVP.

UMW Sports on Hold From Snow

By ZACH MORETTI
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Just as all of you were buried in the record-setting snowstorm that hit the Fredericksburg area this past weekend, so were the athletic teams of the University of Mary Washington. All sporting events scheduled for this past weekend were postponed due to the inclement weather, and the scramble to reschedule went underway.

The men's and women's basketball teams had a home double-header scheduled for Saturday against St. Mary's College that was originally postponed until Tuesday night. Unfortunately for those teams, more snow hit UMW and forced the makeup games to be cancelled as well. No new makeup date has yet been announced.

Another home double-header scheduled for both basketball squads against Hood College was shifted from a Wednesday night showdown to tonight, Feb. 10 (women play @ 6 p.m. followed by the men @ 8 p.m.) so that UMW would not have to play on back to back nights. With all the postponements, the men's basketball team will now have to endure a brutal stretch where they will play six games in 10 days.

"I've been here for 14 years and have only

had one game postponed prior to this year," men's basketball Head Coach Ron Wood said. "This is all new to me, and as I told the team, it will be like the NBA where you play everyday or every other day. I hope we respond well."

With having played just three games in the past 22 days, Wood thinks that the teams conditioning is lacking and that the problem was compounded by the bad weather not allowing them to have gym access and thus limiting their practice.

Wood also expressed that the postponements don't just affect the players but the coaches as well.

"It is hard to get any rhythm, and we seem to be preparing for a different team each day. One day our next game is Gallaudet (rescheduled), the next it's Stevenson (played), the next it's St. Mary's (rescheduled), the next it's Hood (rescheduled), then St. Mary's again (rescheduled), then Hood again. I feel like a dog chasing its tail and I can't catch it."

But basketball isn't the only sport that's getting frustrated in the aftermath of the recent weather conditions.

"Certainly the past few weeks have been very trying, and the next couple of weeks do not look much better," track and field Head Coach Stan

Soper said. "This is certainly an unusual winter, and it is getting harder to stay positive. But you have to find a way to deal with the circumstances as best as you can."

The track and field team has made use of any open indoor space available to try and get some kind of practice in. The team has used the weight room; hallways, pool area and even stairwells as places for athletes to get work in. Soper and his coaching staff have also sent home workouts with their athletes to try and keep them prepared. Because of the bad weather and treacherous travel conditions, Soper decided not to have his team travel to compete in the George Mason Invitational on Jan. 30 or the Christopher Newport Invitational that was scheduled for last Saturday.

Soper says that he is trying to get a meet for the team this weekend because he feels that it is a necessity for his team.

"Coaches need to see their athletes compete so they can evaluate the training progress," Soper said. "Athletes need to compete to see that their hard work is actually paying off. Without competition, you don't get to see the results of your work."

While the track and field team frantically look for open space to hold practice, the men's tennis team is lucky enough

to not have that problem.

"We are extremely fortunate to have indoor courts on campus," men's tennis Head Coach Todd Helbling said. "This allows us not only to go forward with our matches this weekend but also to continue practicing on a daily basis."

The cancellations of last weekend delayed the

start of the spring season for the Eagles men's tennis team. The group was all set to start with a couple of home matches against the University of Richmond and George Mason University, but the weather had other plans.

With those events being postponed, the men's tennis season is now set to kick off this weekend, at home once again, with matches against East Carolina and James Madison University. Men's tennis Head Coach Todd Helbling and his team are thankful that the frigid temperatures expected for Saturday won't be an issue because of the aforementioned indoor courts that UMW has.

The unusually bad weather has certainly made its mark on the UMW athletic teams and the university as a whole. It's safe to say that the coaches and athletes are all looking forward to less snow and warmer temperatures.

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Sports

UMW Spring Sports Preview

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With the frigid temperatures and the massive amounts of snowfall that have hit UMW in recent weeks, it's hard to believe that spring sports could even be close to getting started. But in fact, many teams are set to get their seasons underway in the near future, so let's delve into how each team is looking heading into what will hopefully be successful seasons for all.

The men's tennis team was set to be the first spring sport to get started, but both of their home matches scheduled for last weekend were postponed due to the blizzard that struck the university. They are now ready to get their spring season kicked off this Saturday with two home matches against East Carolina and James Madison University.

The men's squad is already getting respect from their showing back in the fall, as they were ranked 19th nationally in the first poll taken back in November. The team looks to defend their CAC crown, and they're still headed by Coach Todd Helbling, who was named the 2009 CAC Coach of the Year for the sixth time in his career.

But while Helbling returns, his top player from a year ago does not: two-time CAC Player of the Year John James has since graduated from the university. Other noticeable losses include Randy Loden and Jason Dunn, who combined for 14 All-CAC awards during their time at UMW.

But while the team has lost some great talent, UMW is known for their superb tennis tradition. The men's tennis team has won 10 straight CAC titles and they have had the CAC Player of the year in 10 of the last 12 seasons.

This season the team will be led by junior Kaz Murata, who was All-CAC first-team for doubles and All-CAC second-team for singles in 2009.



Courtesy of Clint Offen

Sophomore tennis player Riley Baver was a second-team All-Capital Athletic Conference selection in '09 as a freshman and looks to make the jump to the first-team in '10.

Sophomore Riley Baver is also a player to watch in 2010, as he was named to the All-CAC second-team for singles as a freshman and could take the next step this year.

The women's tennis team will take the courts the day following the men, Sunday, Feb. 14, to set the ball rolling on their spring season. The ladies will be at home to take on Towson University in their first match of the spring.

Like the men's team, the Eagles' women's tennis team was also ranked inside the top 25 teams nationally back in November at No. 14 in

the country. The women will look to build on a phenomenal season last year where they went the entire season without falling outside the national rankings top 15. Head Coach Patrick Catullo returns and looks to continue the upward trend that he has put UMW women's tennis on since he became the head man back in 2004.

Coach Catullo has a young squad to work with, as the team only has one senior and more than half the team is made up of underclassmen. All-American Becky Morse-Karzen graduated, but there is a lot of young talent on the team to continue the strong tradition that Catullo and the Eagles have kept going in recent years. Junior Courtney Goimarc was the team's No. 2 player last year, but will presumably move up into the top spot with the departure of Morse-Karzen. Sophomores Katie Schaffer and Michelle Meadows appear to round out the top three for UMW this spring.

The Eagles baseball squad's opening day is set for Saturday, with a home double-header vs. Eastern Mennonite University on slate to start at noon. The team looks to improve upon a decent 2009 season. The team went 15-17 overall and finished fourth in the CAC standings with 7-11 record in conference play. Head coach Tom Sheridan returns for his 23rd season as the Eagles manager and has a lot of young talent to work worth as he only lost four seniors from last year's team. The problem for coach Sheridan is that one of the seniors he lost was outstanding pitcher Andrew Cox.

Cox was a first-team All-CAC player and a third-team All-Region selection last year as he posted a 6-4 record and 3.19 ERA. The UMW pitching staff was a weak spot last season, as the team ERA was just under 5, and losing a pitcher the caliber of Cox certainly won't help.

Senior infielder Will Wright will hope to lead the team with his big bat. Wright batted a team



Courtesy of Clint Offen

Sophomore Allie Kimmelman had an outstanding freshman campaign in which she tallied 43 goals and 43 assists. She is just one of the many young and talented players on the women's lacrosse team.

fielder Jackson Clement. Clement was named as a Regional Gold-Glove team last year after going the entire season without an error and adding three outfield assists to boot.

It will be very tough for Mary Washington to dethrone perennial powerhouse Salisbury University, but nonetheless the Eagles look to be on the right track toward success and have a chance to move up in the conference standings from a season ago.

The UMW men's lacrosse team will begin their season on the road this Saturday with a game against Virginia Wesleyan College. Head Coach Kurt Glaeser will look for his team to improve upon last year's up and down season in which the Eagles went 8-7 overall and finished sixth in the CAC standings with just a 2-5 record in conference play. UMW was also ousted in the first round of the CAC tournament to Salisbury University.

In order for the team to turn around, Coach Glaeser will need some new players to step up and fill the shoes of Brent Fisk and Charlie White, his top two point leaders from a year ago who have since graduated. Seniors Dan Coats and Brian Deal are the two who seem likely to rise to the challenge, as Coats led the team in assists last season with 15 and Deal was second on the team in goals with 21.

The team's goal scoring as a whole needs to improve in conference matches, as UMW scored 133 goals in 15 games last year, but managed just 53 of those goals in their seven games versus conference opponents.

The goal will be defended once again by junior Ryan Kleman, who posted 165 saves a year ago while allowing 117 goals. If the team cannot find an uptick in scoring, more pressure shifts to Kleman to stop the other team from posting points in order to keep the Eagles in the game.

Meanwhile, the women's lacrosse team will get their season underway with a road match of their own on Saturday, Feb. 20 against St. Mary's College. Head coach Dana Hall and the lady's lacrosse team had a good year in '09, finishing third in the conference with a 5-2 record and going 14-8 overall. The team had seven ladies finish with over 20 points last year and six of those players return including their top three point leaders.

Not only does UMW return many of their prominent point leaders, but three of the girls are only sophomores and will continue to wreak havoc on their CAC opponents for years to come. Sophomore Catherine Kennedy was su-

perb in her freshman campaign in '09, finishing with a team high 77 goals and adding 12 assists to finish with another team high of 89 points. Sophomore Allie Kimmelman was second on the team with 86 points, but she was much more balanced as she finished the season with 43 goals and 43 assists. But the stability and leadership of a talented upper-classman is always needed on teams, and junior Katie Wallis should fill that role. Wallis was third on the team in second on the team in both goals and assists and finished third on the team in points.

The question surrounding this team will be the goal keeper. The team has a pair of freshman vying for the starting spot in Kathryn Stultz and Leigh Ann Redeker and one of the two will need to step up and take control of the goal. It is unclear how these two freshman will respond, but if one of them can play as well behind goal as freshman sensations Kennedy and Kimmelman did last year at the midfielder spot, UMW has nothing to worry about.

The UMW softball team is tied with women's lacrosse as the final sport to break ground on their spring season. The Eagles softball team's first game will be a home game on Saturday, Feb. 20 with the season's first opponent being Messiah College. The softball team went 25-16-1 last spring and finished third in the CAC standings with a 9-3 mark in conference play.

The team returns star senior shortstop Kaitlin Petrella, who led the team with a .412 batting average a season ago. Petrella also led the team in slugging percentage, on base percentage, total bases, doubles and triples. The team also returns their leading RBI producer from last year in sophomore Elizabeth Crowe, but they will certainly miss the departure of Cathy Hull, who was top two on the team in 10 different batting categories last year.

But as much as the softball team will miss Hull, it surely will not be to the same extent that they miss star pitcher Kristen Rowell. The team's workhorse pitched 215.1 innings last season and finished with a 1.14 ERA, 306 strikeouts and a .171 batting average against. With Rowell graduating, someone will need to step up and take command of the rotation. It could be the aforementioned Crowe, who had seven appearances last year but finished with an ERA of 7.60 or possibly even freshman Annie Blaine.

All the spring sports teams at UMW are ready to get going here in 2010 and it appears to be yet another bright season for Eagles athletics.

Upcoming UMW Sporting Events

Thursday, Feb. 11

Women's Basketball vs. Hood College (Home) at 6 p.m.
Men's Basketball vs. Hood College (Home) at 8 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 12

CAC Championships for Swimming in St. Mary's City, Md. from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 13

CAC Championships for Swimming in St. Mary's City, Md. from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Men's Tennis vs. East Carolina (Home) at 10 a.m.
Baseball vs. Messiah College (Home) at 12 p.m.
Women's Lacrosse at Virginia Wesleyan College at 1 p.m.
Men's Basketball at York College of Pennsylvania at 2 p.m.
Women's Basketball at York College

of Pennsylvania at 4 p.m.

Men's Tennis vs. James Madison University (Home) at 6 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 14

CAC Championships for Swimming in St. Mary's City, Md. from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Men's Tennis vs. Towson University (Home) at 12 p.m.
Baseball vs. Eastern Mennonite University (Home) at 1 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 15

Men's Basketball at Gallaudet University at 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 16

Baseball at Washington and Lee at 3 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 17

Women's Basketball at Marymount University at 6 p.m.
Men's Basketball at Marymount University at 8 p.m.